

This Week at TBS!

Dear TBS Family, It is a short week this week but as always lots of events happening. Make sure you are checking our weekly events on this front page of our newsletter and the upcoming events on a later page. We have our Primary Sports Days happening and when you read this the KS1 event will be finished with Y3-4 at 8am and Y5-6 at 1pm on Tuesday. Unfortunately due to the weather, the EYFS Sports Day was postponed. Check our social media for pictures and live feed from the events.

This week on Wednesday sees the very first EEP Teacher's Conference which will be held at our sister school, GISC. Teachers from GEMS and EEP schools will be attending and we are delighted to welcome Sreejit Chakrabarty, Director of Robotics and AI at Dubai American Academy and lead across the entire GEMS platform as our Keynote speaker. In addition we have some of our very own GEMS TBS teachers leading educational workshops on a variety of topics. We will also be having some team building activities as the more we get to know our colleagues from our sister schools, the more we can collaborate the more we can share expertise and enrich learning for our students.

On Thursday, we have a team of Under 13 footballers flying to Qatar to take part in our very first overseas BSME Games. We will be competing with British schools from all across the Gulf. It is going to be an amazing adventure and a huge thank you to EEP for their support in making this happen. Myself and our Football Coach will be travelling with them. Watch our social media to follow their football adventure. Go GEMS TBS!

You Don't Want to Miss Out on...

21st Nov - Y3&4 Sports Day at 8am - parents invited to join in!

21st Nov - Y5&6 Sports Day at 1pm - parents invited to join in!

22nd Nov - EEP Teacher's Conference (no school for students)

22nd Nov - Long weekend

Week beginning 26.11.23 Y1-6 Tiger's Den Entrepreneur Presentations

26Nov -Secondary Students Option Day

26Nov - Y11 & 12 Global Study UK UCAS workshops

27.11 - 3.12 Y4-12 - November Arabic Examinations (during class times, see link and email for more details and VLE for exam topics)

28th Nov - Partners in Learning Primary Science workshop: focus all Primary from Pre-school to Year 6.

28th Nov - Year 2 Dress like a Superhero Day

30th Nov - Moustache Day

30th Nov - Y9 Educational Trip

30th Nov - Y6 Educational Trip

30th Nov - Coffee Morning with the Principal - 'Managing bedtimes'

Partners in Learning Parent Workshops

A huge thank you to all of you who came along to our Parent Workshop led by our Head of Arabic, Ms Alia. Ms Alia introduced our new Arabic learning platform, Kutubee demonstrating how it is being used in class and how it can support learning at home. Kutubee is currently available to all students in Y1-6 and we are looking at extending it to Y7 and 8 for the next academic year. If you have not yet explored the new platform with your child, please check their Communication Books where you will find login details. Ms Alia is more than happy to support if you need any further information.

Our next Parent Workshop will be Tuesday, 28th November focusing on how we teach science in the primary school led by Ms Rachel, our Head of Primary.



Coffee Morning with the Principal

Thank you to those of you who came to Coffee Morning last week. Always good to catch up and share advice from your experience – parenting in the 21st Century can be tough and we all need a bit of help.

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday, 30th November when we will be discussing the challenge of bedtimes.

Final Call for School Photographs orders

The deadline for making payments for this year's exclusive packages is end of day on Tuesday, 21st November.

A reminder that the package which includes a portrait and a class photograph in an exclusive display frame and eight passport photographs costs of 320LE. Sibling group photographs that will come in a special wooden frame cost 200LE.

These packages are a great memento and an even better gift for grandparents and other family members.

Exact money is to be handed to your class teacher, tutor or Front of House in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front.

Al Misr El Kheir Foundation – supporting families in crisis in Gaza

Currently we have raised an astounding LE113,054 with your generous donations and profit from our very successful Breakfast Bonanzas – our target is LS140,000 so if you have not yet donated to this humanitarian cause, please click [here](#) to make your donation. Alternatively, cash donations can still be made through our PRE, Ms Dalia Saadallah. One box to feed a family for a day costs LS350.

December events that you do not want to miss:

Festive Jumper Day for Save the Children

This event will be on Thursday, 7th December. We encourage our whole GEMS TBS family to wear a festive jumper on this day and, as it is a charity fundraiser, to bring a new warm jumper for us to share with children in need in Egypt and in our neighbouring countries.

Winter Fair

The culmination of Primary's annual Young Entrepreneur Unit of Learning is the Winter Fair when their businesses will be selling their products to you and to their peers. Prior to this students will have made business pitches in the 'Tiger's Den' asking for additional investment for their products. The Winter Fair will be on 17.12.23 throughout the day. All proceeds to charity.

A Visitor in Red

Every year we have been very lucky to have a very special visitor dressed in red visit our younger classes in the last week of this term, we are hoping that this year will be no different. To help our children understand how truly blessed they are and that not all children are as lucky, I would like to encourage the whole GEMS TBS family to go shopping to buy a toy for a less fortunate child. The gifts should be wrapped and labeled whether it is for a boy or girl as well as the age range. We will then distribute these gifts with children in need in Egypt and our neighbouring countries.

End of Year Concerts

We are delighted to announce that the children in Years 1-4 will be performing in festive concerts on the following dates:

- 18.12.23 Year 1 Festive Concert at 1:00pm
- 18.12.23 Year 2 Festive Concert at 3:30pm
- 19.12.23 Year 3 and 4 Concert (timings TBC)

Upcoming Events

- 1.12.23 Tough Mudder - 25th Nov deadline for registration
- 3.12.23 Sitara Winter Show at TBS for EYFS and Y1
- 4.12.23 Secondary Science Fair (open to all parents from 3pm)
- 7.12.23 Y7-12 Sports Day
- 14.12.23 - Coffee with the Principal - 'Maintaining routines over the holiday'
- 21.12.23 Last Day of Term 1 – 1200 finish for all students

A Message From Ms Rachel Hardwick, Head of Primary

Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. November continues to be an exciting and eventful month at our school, filled with enriching experiences and achievements. Here are some highlights from the past week:

****1. Anti-Bullying Week: Celebrating Kindness and Differences****

Our Anti-Bullying Week was a tremendous success! The children enthusiastically embraced the theme of kindness and celebrated the beauty of differences. The highlight was the "Odd Socks Day," where students showcased their unique sock combinations, symbolizing the importance of embracing individuality. The thoughtful presentations by our students demonstrated their understanding of the significance of kindness in fostering a positive school environment.

****2. Fundraising for Gaza: A Heartwarming Community Effort****

I am delighted to share that our school community came together for a meaningful cause - fundraising for Gaza. The generosity displayed by all members of our community through their donations is truly commendable. A special thank you goes to our Secondary school student leaders who organized a successful 'breakfast sale' with delicious baked goods, contributing significantly to the total amount raised. Your support has made a real difference, and we appreciate your commitment to helping those in need.

****3. Nutty Scientists Visit for Year 3: A Fun-filled Learning Experience****

Year 3 students had a blast during the visit from the 'Nutty Scientists.' The activities were thoughtfully planned to align with the Science curriculum, providing students with hands-on experiences and opportunities to practice working scientifically. The engagement and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students were truly impressive, making the day both educational and entertaining.

****4. Workshop Invitation: Approaches to Teaching and Learning in Science****

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****5. Picture-Perfect School Photos****

Our recent school photo days captured the essence of our vibrant school community. The children looked incredibly smart in their school uniforms, radiating pride and enthusiasm. We eagerly anticipate the arrival of the photos and can't wait to share the memories with you.

As we approach the end of the term, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support. Together, we are creating an environment where our students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead.

Warm regards,
Rachel Hardwick

Focus on Primary

EYFS

On the 13th of November, the EYFS children and teachers embraced Odd Socks Day by wearing mismatched Odd Socks to school. This symbolic gesture signifies a celebration of individuality and the acceptance of differences among us and highlighting the uniqueness that each person brings to the community. By wearing odd socks, students expressed solidarity in promoting a culture where everyone is accepted for who they are, regardless of their differences.



In FS2, the children are learning about celebrations around the world. They have been learning about Diwali - "the festival of lights". We were delighted to have some FS2 parents come and speak to us about Diwali and how it is celebrated in India. They taught us about Rangoli Art, Mehndi, and then we listened and danced to some lovely Indian music. Learning about other cultures is always a great way to teach children to appreciate the diversity of our world.



The FS2 children also learnt all about Bonfire night. They read a lovely book about a family who went on a trip the fairground for bonfire night and watched fireworks. The children were super engaged making fireworks from paint and marbles. They explored the world of colour and learnt about a tradition in the UK that has been around.



Y1

In our current unit, the Year One students are diving into the vibrant and captivating Chinese New Year! This festival, also known as the Spring Festival, is one of the most important and widely celebrated events in Chinese culture.

Throughout the week, our young learners are having the opportunity to explore the customs, symbols and stories associated with this fascinating celebration. They will create traditional crafts and learn about the significance of this special holiday in Chinese culture.

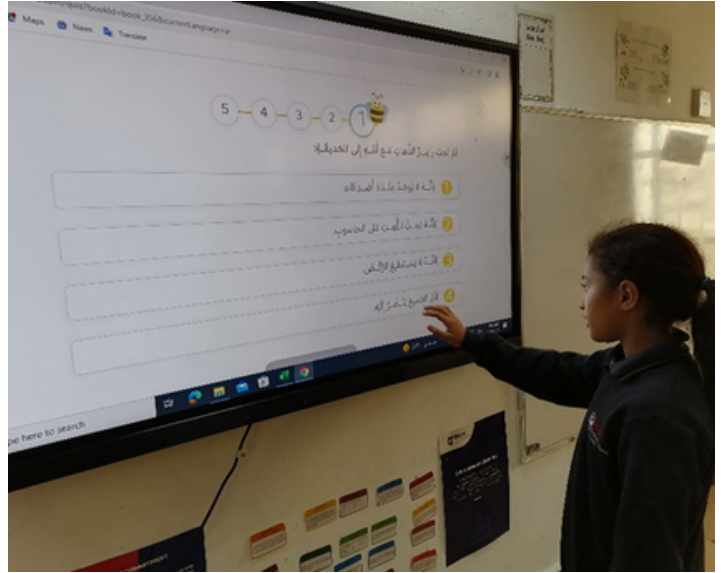
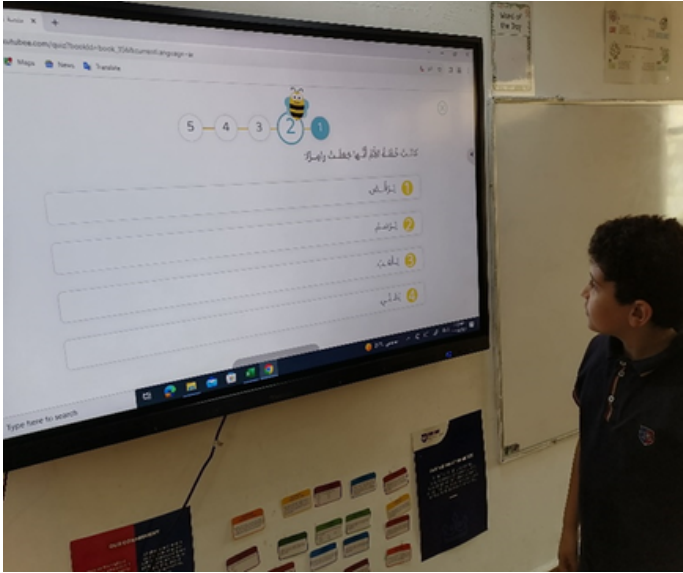


لغتنا العربية

أود أن أشكر جميع أولياء الأمور على حضور ورشة العمل الخاصة باستخدام منصة كتبتي والتي أرجو أن نستمر في استخدامها حتى تتحسن مهارات اللغة لدى أبنائنا كما أود أن أشير إلى اقتراب موعد اختبارات شهر نوفمبر والذي نرفق لها لينك للمواعيد .

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وتستمر أنشطة حصص اللغة العربية كعادتها لتشجيع تلاميذنا الأحياء .



INTRODUCING MyiMaths IN THE SECONDARY MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

We are delighted to announce that the Department of Mathematics are introducing MyiMaths to lessons and homework. MyiMaths provides hundreds of lessons paired with self-marking homework tasks for practice and to assess understanding of lesson content. Lessons and homework tasks are matched to British curricula. Interactive lessons provide step-by-step examples to break down learning into manageable chunks. Lessons can be used by students of all abilities at school and at home.

Homework questions are randomly generated to provide unlimited practice. Instant marking provides immediate feedback for students and teachers. Individual students can see the homework tasks they have been set and when they are due, rate their understanding of homework resources and see feedback from their teacher in the Pupil Portal.

Parents can also follow their child's progress, check their homework requirements and try the lesson content if they want to refresh their own maths skills.

Booster packs provide extra practice for specific areas for improvement and target key areas of the curriculum in preparation for tests.

We are very excited by this opportunity. The use of MyiMaths will allow us to support students working at all levels, providing targeted practice where students need it and extension tasks for high attaining students.

Over the coming days, students will receive their own MyiMaths username and password. Please ensure that your child keeps their username and password in a safe place as they will be needing it.

Mr Sean Rayner
Head of Mathematics

Career Guidance Department - Life at TBS!

Here at TBS, we secure your son/daughter's future by offering them several support mechanisms through our TBS Career and University Counseling Department (CUCD):

- Full Career Awareness & Exploration Opportunities
- Full University Scholarship & Discount Opportunities (Internationally & Nationally)
- Full University Aptitude Tests Orientation & Support
- Full University Portfolio Preparation Support
- One-to-One Counselling Sessions, and last but not least
- Full Guidance & Support on Non-academic University Requirements (CV building, Reference Letters, Personal Statements etc.)

Stay tuned to see our journey of commitments, to you, to 'Life After TBS'!

1. As part of our dedication, to our students in the TBS Career and University Counseling Department (CUCD), we ensure to empower them with global tools, and life skills, for career and future readiness. Recently, they actively participated in a session with Professor Mostafa Nagy, the Program Leader at the University of Creative Arts (UCA-UK). The discussion focused on how film production has entered the Gen AI era and the impact of digital technology on visual effects, considering its implications on both the Egyptian and international market.

Our Week in Photos

